[Mr. M. N. Pillai.]

are travelling in the trains, especially on the section between Quilon and Trivandrum, without tickets?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to conduct an investigation into the matter?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that no proper scrutiny or check is exercised by the railway authorities in this direction?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In the light of the answer to part (*a*), the necessity for the investigation does not arise.

(*c*) Government have no information. They will forward the interpellation and the answer to the South Indian Railway authorities.

Publication of Legislative Council Proceedings.

106. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara cum Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the cause of the delay in publishing the Legislative Council Proceedings; and

(ii) whether the delay is in the Secretariat or in the Press?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (i) and (ii) The proceedings for the last session have already been issued. The delay was to a large extent due to the delay on the part of some members to return their speeches revised.

Local Purchase of Medicines.

107. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount which the Darbar Physician is authorised to spend at a time for local purchase of medicines?

(*b*) Has he exceeded this amount at any time, and, if so, on how many occasions?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Darbar Physician is authorised to purchase medicines locally to the extent of Rs. 25 at a time.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

Swiss Milk for Hospitals.

108. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount spent in 1097 and 1098 for purchasing Swiss milk and where this was purchased from?

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